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1. The training directive clearly indicates a shift from police technical to military tactical training. Of the 1408 training hours, 448 are allotted for political training, 467 to police technical training, and 493 hours for military training (including 198 hours for marksmanship training and 96 hours for sport).
2. Random samples of military training subjects are: police platoon in attack upon fortified enemy positions, 20 hours; Bereitschaft in attack, 20 hours; police platoon in attack over water obstacles, 8 hours; machine gun platoon attacking in support of Bereitschaft, 6 hours; map training, 39 hours; signal training, 22 hours; engineer training, 10 hours.

25X1 3. [] the Bereitschaften, at the end of the nine-month training period, will be qualified for small scale infantry combat, but not for combat with support by other arms, such as armor or artillery.

25X1 [] Comment: There is no reason to believe that the paramilitary police
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their strength is still under this figure.

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